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SUBJECT: EC STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

1. DURING COURSE OF JUNE 14-15 EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, BRITISH PRESIDENCY WAS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM US THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD AGREED TO NEW TEXT OF EC STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST, AND TO BRIEF WASHINGTON ON PRINCIPAL POINTS IN THAT STATEMENT. ACCORDING TO FCO, THERE WAS STRONG FEELING AMONG NINE THAT TEXT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN TO US. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL RECOMMEND TO THEIR AUTHORITIES THAT THE STATEMENT BE MADE PUBLIC DURING JUNE 29-30 EUROPEAN COUNCIL (HEADS OF

GOVERNMENT) MEETING OR AT NEXT MINISTERIAL POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING JULY 11-12 IN BRUSSELS. BRITISH TELL US ISSUANCE IS LIKELY ON FIRST OCCASION.

2. PRIVATELY, THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMANS AGREED US SHOULD BE GIVEN FULL TEXT IN ADVANCE OF OECD MEETING. RAMSBOTHAM WILL PASS A COPY TO VEST AND INDICATE THE THREE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSION WITH US ON THIS SUBJECT IN PARIS. HE WILL ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT IT WOULD BE MOST
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EMBARRASSING IF THE OTHER SIX IN THE COMMUNITY SHOULD DISCOVER WASHINGTON HAD OBTAINED THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT. THEREFORE, ANY US COMMENTS SHOULD BE KEPT STRICTLY WITHIN QUADRIpartite CHANNELS. FINALLY, WE WERE TOLD RAMSBOTHAM WILL STRESS VIEW THAT CURRENT EC TEXT IS PRODUCT OF CAREFUL COMPROMISE AMONG THE NINE AND IS MOST FAVORABLE WHICH COULD EMERGE FROM EC.

3. THE NEW EC DRAFT TEXT WHICH WAS READ TO US MORE SLOWLY THAN SOME IN COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE LIKED:

-- CALLS ON ALL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC SPIRIT AND REFRAIN FROM STATEMENTS OR POLICIES WHICH COULD CONSTITUTE OBSTACLES TO PEACE;

-- REAFFIRMS THE NINE'S SUPPORT FOR ITS NOVEMBER 6, 1973 MIDDLE EAST STATEMENT AND FOR UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 INCLUDING 1) THE INADMISSIBILITY OF ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE; 2) THE REQUIREMENT THAT ISRAEL RETURN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY IT HAS HELD SINCE 1967; 3) THE NEED OF RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA AND THE RIGHT OF THESE STATES TO LIVE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES; AND 4) THE VIEW THAT A SETTLEMENT MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE;

-- ARGUES THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION WILL REQUIRE THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO GIVE EFFECTIVE EXPRESSION OF NATIONAL IDENTITY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF A HOMELAND FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE;

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-- SAYS REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT, INCLUDING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, MUST PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER TO BE WORKED

OUT IN CONSULTATION WITH ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED;

-- STATES THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF OVERALL SETTLEMENT, ISRAEL MUST BE READY TO RECOGNIZE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. EQUALLY, ARAB SIDE MUST BE READY TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BORDERS;

-- NOTES THAT SECURITY OF STATES IN THE AREA CANNOT REST ON THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE, BUT MUST BE BASED ON COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL EXCHANGES BETWEEN ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED WITH A VIEW TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRULY PEACEFUL RELATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF A SETTLEMENT; AND

-- STRESSES THAT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE RESUMED URGENTLY AND INDICATES THE EC STANDS READY TO CONTRIBUTE IN APPROPRIATE WAYS TO FINDING A SETTLEMENT AND TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN GUARANTEES BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

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